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THE
CASE of *Maurice Annesley,*

Sets forth,

That till the late War in *Ireland*, he had a very Valuable Wood in the County of *Monaghan*, of which he made above Four Hundred Pounds per Annum, by the Bark and other Produce thereof, without impairing or lessening the Principals, which consisted of Thirty Thousand Oak-Trees of about Fifty Years growth.

That when the English Army was so long encamped at *Dundalk*, and were in the greatest Necessity imaginable for Firing and Timber to build Huts, because they wanted Tents, they finding this Wood contiguous, great Convenience of Water to Float it most of the Way to their Camp, and no other Wood in the Country, they were forc'd to cut it down, and so utterly destroy'd it.

That this being by Petition in humble manner represented, and very well attested to his Majesty, he was pleas'd, in consideration thereof, and the great Benefit the Army reapt thereby, when they could not have subsisted without it, to Grant the Petitioner 2000 *l.* out of the Forfeitures in *Ireland*, and your Petitioner passed a Patent for it; but never reapt so much benefit thereby as defray'd his Expence of Application and Passing the Patent.

That the Petitioner, at the Rout of the *Boyn*, finding the whole Country where he lived Wasted, and all his Houses Burnt, was necessitated to become Tenant to some of the Forfeited Lands, which being afterwards Granted to the Earl of *Rochford*, he took a Lease of Lives renewable for ever, under his Grant, and has thereon Expended all his Wife's Fortune, together with his own Acquisitions since the War, in Building, Planting, Draining, Inclosing and other Improvements, to the Value of Thirteen Hundred and Sixty Eight Pounds, having no suspicion, at that time, that the Parliament of England would resume any Grants.

That your Petitioner disbursed the said Sum of 1368 *l.* hath been proved before the Trustees, and is certified by their Secretary.

That by the late Act of Resumption, the Petitioner is not only deprived of his Grant, made for so Valuable a Consideration, and obtained at so great Expence, but of his Farm also, so considerably improved, and thereby is left destitute of any Support for himself, his Wife and five helpless Children, being a younger Brother, who had no other Fortune but what was lost as above-mentioned.

*All which is humbly offered to the Compassion and Justice
of this Honourable House, for such Relief, as to
their great Wisdom shall seem most meet.*

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